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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
Washington**

May 27, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Status of United States Programs for National Security as of June 30, 1953

REFERENCES: A. NSC 142
B. NSC 149/2
C. NSC Action No. 776-b

The President has directed that, in accordance with established practice, the department and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare reports on the status of those programs semi-annually for the information of the President and the National Security Council. These reports should show the status in relation to our national security objectives as stated in NSC 149/2 and in the report being prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 776-b.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency, with the assistance of the NSC Special Staff, submit by August 1, 1953, two copies of a report along the lines of NSC 142 on the status of the foreign intelligence program as of June 30, 1953.

From the security point of view, it is requested that this report be prepared as a submission to the President. If any parts of it are particularly sensitive, recommendations should be included as to the circulation of such sensitive parts to the other National Security Council participants.

/s/ James S. Lay, Jr.

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